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In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/EP00/01038. The following amendments pertain to the claims as amended.

Please note that the amended pages attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed pages 11-12 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on the amended pages after pages 11-12.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-6 and 8-10 with the following amended claims.